

Hinderances to Worshiping God

Psalm 40:1-11

Worship is a most _____ and _____ part of a believer's life. Psalm 40:1-11 illustrates the crucial nature of worship for the believer and helps us identify attitudes that hinder worship.

In verses 1-3, David expresses what has prompted his praise and worship. He reflects on some _____ rescuing him from some desperate situation. David recognized that his current, blessed standing was not his own doing but God's. Here is the first potential hindrance to worship: a failure to recognize our total _____ on God. _____ people are praise-less people. Because David recognized God was the author of all that was good in his life, he could not help but praise.

Verses 4-5 identify the content of his praise and worship. His song reveals a second hinderance to worship: not being "_____ " regarding our trust of God. Praise is less likely to be the choice of those with _____. James referred to the person who is "double-souled." Jesus called it trying to serve two masters. _____ people are praise-less people. Many Christians find praise and worship to be mundane and uninteresting because they simply aren't _____ in God as their source and their life.

In verses 6-11, David expresses his commitment to continue to praise and worship God. In doing so, he reveals one final hinderance to worship: misunderstanding the _____ of our praise. God wants our praise to be abundant and vibrant because, as others witness it, it directs them to Him. _____ - _____ people are praise-less people.

David knew his worship would leave a _____ for others of hope, encouragement, faith, confidence.

Missionary and author Dan Bauman characterized worship as a _____ on which there is movement in 2 directions: God comes _____ to man, and man goes _____ to God. Worship is the _____ between God and man. What is hindering your worship so that you might meet Him?